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OTHERWISE UNNOTICED.

A Halloween party did \$5,600 damage to property at Arcola, Ill.

50 years a resident of Decatur, Ill., died Sunday. Alonzo Barnes, of Lincoln, Neb.,

aged 72, died in Chicago while on his wedding tour. Next year's meeting of the Missouri State Christian Endeavor union will be

held at Kansas City. Consul Johnson at Amoy says that \$20,000,000 worth of ginseng could be sold in China annually.

The steamship Milwaukee sailed from New Orleans with a cargo that that Spain must satisfy the demands would fill 500 freight cars. Capt.-Gen. Weyler and Marshal Blan-

Spanish cruiser Alfonzo XIII.

the game. The jury that tried Dr. Goddard at of Kansas City. Mo., for the murder of States, which is actively fostered by Frederick Jackson disagreed and was the press, in the cortez and elsewhere

John Bowyer, a farmer, was run over and killed by a train on the Peorla, Decatur & Evansville railroad, near Mattoon, Ill., Sunday.

Twenty-two thousand acres of land have been bought in Matagorda county, Tex., upon which to establish a Union veterans' colony. The Norwegian government has au-

thorized an expedition to search for Andre, the aeronaut, who search of the north pole. Two masked robbers held up a gam-

bling house at Sioux City, Ia., but lost their nerve at the critical moment and got nothing. They escaped. The dotton compress creeted at

Elano, Okla., has started up. It cost \$35,000, will employ 35 men, and has a capacity of 1,000 bales a day. J. E. Brenner, the musician who

eloped from Nevada, Mo., with Mrs. T. E. Newell, was arrested by the woman's husband at Nashville, Tenn. Gen. Luque, who was defeated by the Cuban insurgents when Calixto Garcia captured Victoria de Las Tunas, is reported in Havana as about to leave

Chicago, together with "Sport" Heffer- cattle. nan, Saturday, is likely to recover from his wounds.

Wm. J. Bryan arrived in Chicago, Sunday, from Ohio, where he had been Finest Wines, Whiskies and Cigara making campaign speeches, and pre- said: "Our firm has had the space for slways on hand. Oysters in peason; dieted that the democrats would win in

City Marshal Sterns shot and instantly killed Jason Miller, a prominent | bid us, paying 42 shillings and 5-pence farmer and trader, at Midway, Ky. Miller resisted arrest. Kansas has the two banner towns-

Lost Springs and Ramona-with 200 population each, in which there is not a vacant house, not an idle man or boy, not a tippler, and not even a dog. A. K. Haines, a Creek ranchman, living east of Sac and Fox agency, was

robbed of \$600 by four masked men, who dragged him from bed and tortured him until he turned over all his | The Court of Inquiry Said to Have Ecc-The schooner Silver Heels successfully landed her cargo in castern Cuba

on Wednesday last, despite the unwonted activity of the Spanish naval of the court of inquiry. Capt. Lovering, Mrs. Web Gaylor, of Frankfort, Ind., while out with a party of Holloween masqueraders Sunday night, was as-

maker, who struck her with a club. Her skull is fractured. Maddix was

saulted by George Maddix, a wagon-

THE FRIENDLY AMEER.

Haddah Muttab. SIMILA, Nov. 1 .- A letter to Lord El-

gin, viceroy of India, from the ameer of Afghanistan says that he is trying to The Decear considers it his religious duty -a duty which he owes to humanity -to dounte his infallihe succeeds he will expel the priest He has proved the dreaded consumption to be a from Afghanistan. He also promises to prevent Afridis taking refuge in Af-to his American and Karapean Islandaries testi-montals of experience from those benefited and cared, in all parts of the world.

The ameer has been thanked by the government for both these friendly nished with a copy of the proclama- last year. tion which Gen. Sir Wm. Lockhart issued to the tribesmen prior to beginning the advance of the punitive ex-

'An Indignant Denial.' Loxnox, Nov. 1 .- According to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Bombay, the officers of the Royal Irish regiments (Second battalion), which had been described in a sensational telegram to the Daily Chronicle as insu-

bordinate, sulking at the critical moment and for that reason, withdrawn ters meet all trains. Rates reason- from Samana to Rawalpindi indigthat the men were withdrawn solely on account of sickness. Paymaster Tiffany, U. S. N., Dead. VALLEJO, Cal., Nov. 1 .- Paymaster Otis C. Tiffany, U. S. N., attached to the Monterey, is dead. He had been attached to the Monterey since last

> from Illinois. A Young Princeling. SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1 .- A son was born to the wife of Prince Poniatowski on Saturday evening. Princess Ponia-

> towski is a sister of Mrs. W. H.

December. The deceased entered the

naval service as assistant paymaster

May 12, 1875, having been appointed

possible terms. The Herald declares Weyler's agents in the peninsula are preparing troubie

THE COMPETITOR CASE.

Spain Will Satisfy the Demands of the

United States-Weyler the Politician. NEW YORK, Nov. 1 .- A dispatch to the Gen. Weyler's escort on the steamer World from Madrid says: The Com-Monsterrat consists of 600 sick sol- petitor case was taken up by Foreign Minister Gull Gulon, Colonial Minister Mrs. George Goodman, aged 70, for Moert and Navy Minister Bermejo, to whom the matter had been referred by the cabinet. The communication from the United States government touching the affair was carefully examined, together with the Spanish evidence that the Competitor was a filibuster. After mature consideration, the ministers named reached the conclusion, in view of the precedents established in the case by the duke of Tetuan, while he was foreign minister, and by the canservative cabinets of Senor Canovas and Gen. Azcarraga, of the American state department.

Gen. Weyler's behavior on leaving co exchanged farewells on board the Havana, particularly his parting speech to the reactionary party in Cu-The chief of police of Havana, Senor ba, which got up a farewell demonstra-Labarra, and abettor of Weyler in sev- tion in his honor, has both surprised eral assassinations, has resigned his and highly displeased official circles in

Madrid. Thousands viewed the remains of It is remarked that Gen. Weyler has Henry George as they lay in state at thrown off the mask of military discip-Grand Central palace, New York city, line, worn until he laid down his command, and that now it is clear that he A football player, injured Saturday, intends to play the part of a political died in Atlanta, Ga., Sanday. There leader of the adversaries of home rule is talk of legislative action proscribing | in Spain and Cuba, appealing to Spanish patriotism, and to that spirit hostility to the United in the union constitutional party and the uncompromising tories, like Robledo, El Dueyon and the duke of Tetuan and others.

Popular and politicial demonstrations are being arranged to do honor to Gen. Weyler when he lands, and in munity.

A CORNER IN SPACE.

All Steamship Space for Cattle Transpor-

CHICAGO, Nov. 1 .- A special to the Record from New York says: There is practically a corner in the ocean freight room for cattle on the Transatlantic steamship lines from this port, Philadelphia and Baltimore. The entire space has been engaged of the 3; North Carolina, 2; Eastern Kentucky, White Star line and the Atlantic Transportation line for one year, beginning January 1, and of the National line for two years from that date by the representative of a syndicate said to be composed of English buyers of cattle. It is also reported that P. D. Armour, of Chicago, is interested. All the space for 1898 on the Wilson's and Furness-Leyland lines has been contracted for by others, and so has the space of the Skippy Rohan, the St. Louis jail- Bristol line, leaving no space on regubreaker, who was shot and captured at | lar lines available for local shippers of

The existence of the corner was confirmed by William Lunham, of the freight brokerage firm of Lunham & Moore, of the produce exchange. He years back. This syndicate, in which I imagine P. D. Armour is interested, simply came into the market and overper head for the space, against 37 shillings and 6-pence, which has been the average price in late years. It is my idea that the corner is being engineered by those who believe that they foresee an era of short crops a'read, with lots of corn to feed to the cattle here, making cattle here cheap, which can be sold dear abroad."

CAPT. LOVERING'S CASE.

ommended a Court-Martial.

NEW YORK, Nov. 1 .- A dispatch to the Herald from Washington says: If Gen. Miles approves the findings Fourth infantry, who kicked and pricked with his sword, and caused to be dragged over the parade ground, Private Hammond, at Ft. Sheridan, Ill., will be tried by court-martial. The record and findings of the court have reached the war department, and it is said the recommendation is for court-martial.

Gen. Miles has not telegraphed the findings to Secretary Alger, who is in Detroit, because, as acting secretary of war, he is empowered to take action in the case, especially in connection with a matter affecting army discipline.

Monthly Fiscal Statement. day of the month, the gold reserve in | ing him from Texas, accidentally shot the treasury amounted to \$153,551,811, the little girl. which is by a few thousand dollars the highest point recorded since November, 1870. The deficit for the month was \$2,322.653, or \$1,019,725 greater ers were named last week: A. L. communications, and has been fur- than the deficit for the same month

> Julian Dubuque's Remains. DUBUQUE, Ia., Nov. 1 .- The bones of Julien Dubuque, with those of two Indian chiefs, unearthed a few weeks ago by the builders of a monument upon his grave, have been deposited in a stone scarcophagus within the monument. The ceremonies, at which 2,000

Occasioned Surprise and III Feeling. MADRID, Nov. 1. - Much surprise and ill-feeling has been occasioned in of- notified last week that the city must ficial circles by the statement, in the have better fire protection or all insuraccounts of the demonstration in Havana on Friday, which preceded Gen. Weyler's embarkation, that he had declared, while addressing the deputation, that he had been recalled in obedience to the wishes of the rebels and the demand of the United States.

Weyler Preparing Trouble. NEW YORK, Nov. 1 .- A dispatch to at work and are not likely to be disthe Herald from Madrid says: Tele- placed. grams via. Key West from correspondents in Cuba relative to Gen. Weyler's conduct are couched in the gravest

in his interest.

Will Be Held at Trenton.

Bishop Galloway last week received an official notification of the action of the board of health of Trenton in reference to the meeting of the Methodist conference at that place. The board of health declared the conference postponed from November 10 to December . Bishop Galloway, who is in Memphis, after receiving the official notice, held a brief consultation by telephone with the board of health of Trenton and the Methodist church there, and November | text is: 17 was decided upon as the date for the conference. The bishop thereupon issued the following notice to the churches of the district:

"The Memphis annual conference of poned from November 10 to November 17, 1897, and will meet in Trenton. "CHAS. B. GALLOWAY,

"Bishop in Charge of Conference.
"Oct. 27, 1897."

Dime-Novel Duel. Two young men, named Arthur Ferguson and Walter Price, living at Jasson. Hot words followed and finally they agreed to fight it out. The two which there was a piece of dry land,

Mormons Distributed. the Southern States as follows: North of an abbreviated earthly exist-Alabama, 2; South Alabam, 2; East Tennessee, 3; Middle Tennessee, 2; Florida, 2; Virginia, 2; South Carolina, 2. It will be seen by this that the Mormons are increasing their missionary forces in Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama in the hope of making any of the other Southern States.

Ordered to Stop It. A petition of intervention was filed in the United States circuit court at Chattanooga last week by the Chattanooga Cotton Oil Co., in the case of the Farmers' Loan and Trust Co. vs. the Memphis & Charleston Railroad Co., and others. Petitioners charge that the Memphis & Charleston road is discriminating against them and refusing to haul their cotton seed. They allege that the road is working in the interest of the Huntsville cotton oil mill, a concern which is alleged to belong to the American Cotton Oil Co., which, the petitioners say, is a trust.

Charles Johnson Captured. Charles Johnson, the negro convict. wanted at the penitentiary for an unexpired sentence of ten years, was captured at Memphis last week and placed in jail to await the arrival of Ellis Harper, agent of the State prison. Johnson confessed for the first time that he escaped from Harper by jumping from the train on which he was being taken to Nashville last August, together with Gus Ballard and Will James, two other convicts, also under sentences of ten

Coal Price Raised. A coal famine is threatened in Chattanooga on account of the failure of the Jellico mines to effect a settlement with their men. Dealers are threatening to put up prices unless the supply should be increased within a week. The Soddy mines have orders ahead, and the State mines do not furnish domestic coal, so it is feared that the price will go up.

Accidentally Shot.

News has reached Big Sandy of the accidently shooting of a little granddaughter of Dr. T. R. Luter, a prominent physican, residing about four Washington, Nov. 1.—At the close of | miles south of Big Sandy, last week. business Saturday, the last business A grandson of Dr. Luter, who is visit-

Fourth-Class Postmasters.

West, Bearden, Knox county; O. T. Galbert, McDonald, Bradley county; G. N. Heatherly, Stone Creek, Carter county; Martha C. Edwards, Morrison, Warren county.

A Distillery Seized.

Revenue officers last week seized the distillery of J. M. Pampblin at Fayetteville for illegal removals. Nine barrels people were present, were under the of brandy were found secreted in the auspices of the Early Settlers' associa- residence and, with five others, were shipped to Nashville.

Fire Protection Short.

ance rates would be raised. The Jelico Strike. The strike of the coal miners in the Jellico district is about ended. Concessions have been made to the miners

Standard mines non-union men are still McPherson in the Mountains. Dr. M. A. McPherson, who shot and instantly killed Dr. Thomas Pickens near Knoxville, last week, made his escape into the North Carolina moun-

tains. A large posse of officers pursued

Blessings of an Abbraviated Earth-

ly Existence. Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage Presents Some

Comforting Thoughts for Those Who Have Lost Children-A Balsam for Many Wounds. In the following sermon Rev. T. De-Witt Talmage offers words of consola-

tion and comfort to those who have been bereft of their children. The largely successful have been flung of it, or to go to the heart of it. Our The righteous is taken away from the evil to ome.-Isaiah Ivif., L.

We all spend much time in panegyric of longevity. We consider it a great thing to live to be an octogenarian. If the M. E. Church, South, is hereby post- anyone dies in youth we say: "What a pity!" Dr. Muhlenbergh, in old age, said that the hymn written in early life by his own hand, no more expressed his sentiment when it said: I would not live alway.

If one be pleasantly circumstanced, he never wants to go. William Cullen Bryant, the great poet, at 82 years of per, quarreled over a castigation given age, standing in my house in a festal by Price to a young brother of Fergu- group, reading "Thanatopsis" without spectacles, was just as anxious to live as when at 18 years of age he wrote that immortal threnody. Cato feared then repaired to the swamp nearby, on at 80 years of age that he would not live to learn Greek. Monaldesco, at and there, without witnesses, they 115 years, writing the history of his fought a duel, the like of which is gen- time, feared a collapse. Theophrastus, erally only heard in story books. writing a book at 90 years of age, Finally young Price sank to the ground, was anxious to live to complete it. prostrated from the loss of blood and a Thurlow Weed, at about 86 years of him. Ferguson was bleeding from a as when he snuffed out his first polidozen wounds, while Price had an equal tician. Albert Barnes, so well prenected and highly esteemed in the com- would rather stay here. So it is all at Chattanooga last week assigned the sermon on the blessings of lon- a sufficient barricade. twenty-two newly arrived missionaries gevity, but I now propose to

be to keep alive and even in good from this world. weather to be very cautious, and to carry an umbrella and take overshoes, breviated earthly existence in the fact and life preservers, and bronze armor that one escapes so many bereave-

into nothingness and obliteration.

seven in the evening. Others go at some men have a natural trepihave friends who are ten hours a day or sixty years, this horror equal, the man who is the shortest ture, but is it not easier for us to bear

If he die at 90 he has to toil all the way up to 11 o'clock at night. The sooner we get through our work the better. which do you really think was the one The harvest all in barrack or barn, the to be congratulated, the short-lived farmer does not sit down in the stub- child, or the long-lived father? Had blefield, but, shouldering his scythe, David died as early as that child died tree, he makes a staight line for the old caped that particular bereavement, homestead. All we want to be anxious then he would have escaped the worse done, and the quicker the better.

that moral disaster might come upon the perfidy of Ahithopel, and the curse said the mate, "I did call you at ten the man if he tarried long. Recently, of Shimei, and the destruction of his o'clock, and you got up looked around churches, and who had been admired | would have escaped the two great ca-The following fourth-class postmast- for his generosity and kindness every- lamities of his life, the great sins of you at 12 o'clock." Said the captain: where, for forgery was sent to the uncleanness and murder. David lived state prison for 15 years. Twenty to be of vast use to the church and the mit commercial dishonesty. The to have gone early? them and better for their families. He is very apt to take the brightest, to those drowning people. On The shorter the voyage, the less the most genial, the most sympathetic, board the captain's vessel they

chance for a cyclone. say there is nothing wanting for a ship's safety except to get it fully launched on the Atlantic ocean. I tempest sweeping up from the Carrib-launched on the Atlantic ocean. I the first harbor. "Taken away from greatly honored of God in having The city officials of Knoxville were have sometimes asked those who were the evil to come." school-mates or college-mates of some Again, my friends, there is a blessing him. He never got any pay except great defaulter: "What kind of a boy in an abbreviated earthly existence in that of his own applauding conscienc. was he? What kind of a young man the fact that it puts one sooner in the Ob, that the old sea captain's Go ! he was a splendid fellow; I had no idea | fidels as well as Christian, agree in be- stormy seas of this life we have always he could ever go into such an outrage." lieving that the universe swings around some one as tenderly to take care of us in the way of house rent. At the

about 45 years of age a man's nervous universe He did not strike that hand at if it should happen to be a Christmas keep him down; or a man has been go. Our planet swinging around the sun, grander, brighter Christmas present ing along for 30 or 40 years in unange other planets swinging around other could we have then Heaven?

attempts to leap the chasmand he falls universe. That is the great metropolis of immensity.

Then it is in after life that the great | Does not our common sense teach us temptation of success comes. If a man that, in matters of study, it is better he generally loses it before 40. The toward the circumference, rather than solid and permanent fortunes for the to be on the circumference, where our until in mid-life, or in old age. The study the American continent while most of the bank presidents have white standing on the Atlantic beach. The hair. Many of those who have been way to study the continent is to cross arrogance or worldliness or dissipation standpoint in this world is defective. in old age. They may not have lost We are at the wrong end of the teletheir integrity, but they have become scope. The best way to study a piece so worldly and so selfish under the in- of machinery is, not to stand on fluence of large success that it is evi- the door step and try to look in, but dent to everybody that their success to go in with the engineer has been a temporal calamity and an and take our place right amid eternal damage. Concerning many the saws and the cylinders. We

wast majority of people die before 30? about the sun, about the rings of Sat-It is because they have not the moral urn, about transits and occultations endurance for that which is beyond and eclipses, simply because our stuthe 30, and a merciful God will not al- dio, our observatory is poorly situated. low them to be put to the fearful strain. We are down in the cellar trying to

abbreviated earthly existence in the our departed Christian friends have fact that one is the sooner taken off the gone upstairs amid the skylights to defensive. As soon as one is old enough study. Now, when one can sooner get to take care of himself he is put on his to the center of things, is he not to be guard. Bolts on the doors to keep out | congratulated? Who wants to be althe robbers. Fireproof safes to keep ways in the freshman class? We off the flames. Life insurance and fire study God in this world by the Bibliinsurance against accident. Receipts cal photograph of Him; but we all wound in the spine which had paralyzed age, found life as great a desirability lest you have to pay a debt twice. know we can, in five minutes of inter-Lifeboat against shipwreck. Westing- | view with a friend, get more accurate house air-brake against railroad col- idea of him than we can by studying number. Both young men are well conoverreach you and take all you have. | words. The little child that died last the way down. I suppose that the last Defense against cold, defense against night knows more of God than all Antime that Methuselah was out of doors heat, defense against sickness, defense dover and all Princeton, and all Newin a storm he was afraid of getting his against the world's abuse, defense Brunswick, and all Edinburgh, and all President Kimball of the Southern feet wet lest it should shorten his days. all the way down to the grave, and the theological institutes in Christenpropaganda of the Latter Day Saints, Indeed, I some time ago preached a even the tombstones sometimes is not dom. Is it not better to go up to the

If a soldier, who has been on guard, to their various fields of endeavor in preach to you about the blessings shivering and stung with the cold, pacing up and down the parapet with ence. If I were an agnostic I would shouldered musket, is glad when some say a man is blessed in proportion to one comes to relieve guard and he can tire, lest we be suddenly hurled into the number of years he can stay on go inside the fortress, ought not that terra firms, because after that he falls man to shout for joy who can put off the docks, and if he is ever picked down his weapon of earthly defense out of the depths, it is only to be set and go into the King's castle? Who is keyholes of Heaven-afraid that both up in some morgue of the universe to the more unfortunate, the soldier who see if anybody will claim him. If I has to stand guard twelve hours or the thought God made man only to last man who has to stand guard six hours? more valuable gains in these than in forty or fifty or a hundred years, and We have common sense about everythen he was to go into annihilation, I thing but religion, common sense would say his chief business ought to about everything but transference Again: There is a blessing in an ab-

> and weapons of defense, less he fall off ments. The longer we live the more attachments and the more kindred, But my friends, you are not agnos- the more chords to be wounded or tics. You believe in immortality and rasped or sundered. If a man live on the eternal residence of the righteous to 70 or 80 years of age, how many in Heaven, and, therefore, I first re- graves are cleft at his feet! In that mark that an abbreviated earthly ex- long reach of time father and mother sience is to be desired, and is a blessing, because it makes one's life-work go, grandchildren go, personal friends outside the family circle whom they Some men go to business at seven had loved with a love like that of Dao'clock in the morning and return at vid and Jonathan. Besides that, eight o'clock and return at twelve. dation about dissolution, and ever Others go at ten and return at four. I and anon during forty or fifty in business; others who are five hours; of their dissolution shudders through others who are one hour. They all do soul and body. Now, suppose the lad their work well; they do their entire goes at 16 years of age? He escapes 50 work and then they return. Which funerals, 50 caskets, 50 obsequies, 50 position do you think the most desir- awful wrenchings of the heart. It is able? You say, other things being hard enough for us to bear their departime detained in business, and who can their departure than for them to stay return home the quickest, is the most and bear 50 departures? Shall we not by the grace of God rouse ourselves Now, my friends, why not carry that into a generosity of bereavement which heavenly harbor had met him just off good sense into the subject of transfer- will practically say: "It is hard ence from this world? If a person die enough for me to go through this bein childhood, he gets through his work reavement, but how glad I am that he at nine o'clock in the morning. If he will never have to go through it." So die at 45 years of age, he gets through I reason with myself, and so you will his work at 12 o'clock noon. If he die find it helpful to reason with yourat 70 years of age, he gets through his selves. David lost his son. Though work at five o'clock in the afternoon. David was king, he lay on the earth mourning and inconsolable for some time. At this distance of time, and taking his pitcher from under the he would, in the first place, have esabout is to get our work done, and well | bereavement of Absalom, his recreant son, and the pursuit of the Philistines, Again: There is a blessing in an ab- and the fatigues of his military cam-

> breviated earthly existence in the fact paign, and the jealousy of Saul, and a man who had been prominent in family at Ziklag, and, above all, he years ago there was no more proba- world, but so far as his own happiness bility of that man's committing a com- was concerned, does it not seem to you deck, and through the rift of a cloud mercial dishonesty than you will com- that it would have been better for him the moonlight fell upon the sea, and

> number of men who fall into ruin Now, this, my friends, explains some struggling passengers. He helped between 50 and 70 years of age is things that to you have been inexpli- them off. Had he been any earlier or is appaling. If they had died 30 years cable. This shows you why when God any later at that point of the sea he before, it would have been better for takes little children from a household, would have been of no service the most talented. Why? It is be- began to band together as There is a wrong theory abroad, cause that kind of nature suffers the to what they should pay for the that if one's youth be right, his old most when it does suffer, and is most rescue and what they should pay for age will be right. You might as well liable to temptation. God saw the the provisions. "Ah," says the captain,

> was he?" And they have said: "Why, center of things. All astronomers, in- might be my God and yours! Amid the The fact is, the great temptation of some great center. Anyone who has as the captain took care of the drownlife sometimes come far on in midlife, studied the earth and studied the ing crew and the passengers. And heavens knows that God's favorite may we come into the harbor with The great pressure of temptation figure in geometry is a circle. When as little physical pain and with comes sometimes in this direction; at God put forth His hand to create the as bright a hope as he had, and system changes, and some one tells right angles, but He waved it in a morning, when the presents are being him he must take stimulants to keep circle, and kept on waving in a circle distributed and we are celebrating the himself up, and he takes stimulants to until systems and constellations and birth of Him who came to save our shipkeep himself up, until the stimulants galaxies and worlds took that motion. wrecked world, all the batter, for what

TENNESSEE STATE NEWS COMFORTING THOUGHTS. cessful business, and here is an open- suns, but somewhere a great hub, ing where by one dishonorable action around which the great wheel of the he can lift himself and lift his family universe turns. Now the center is from all financial embarrassment. He Heaven. That is the capital of the

> makes a fortune before 30 years of age, for us to move out from the center most part do not come to their climax world now is? We are like those who people, it may be said it seems as Mit wear our eyes out and our would have been better if they could | brain out, from the fact that we are have embarked from this life at 20 or studying under such great disadvantage. Millions of dollars for observa-Do you know the reason why the tories to study things about the moon, Again: There is a blessing in an study the palace of the universe, while

> > Does not our common sense teach us that it is better to be at the center than to be clear out on the rim of the wheel, holding nervously fast to the light and eternal felicity? Through all kinds of optical instruments trying to peer in through the cracks and the doors of the celestial mansion will be swung wide open before our entranced vision - rushing about among the apothecary shops of this world, wondering if this is good for rheumatism, and that is good for neuralgia, and something else is good for a bad cough, lest we be suddenly ushered into a land of everlasting health, where the inhabitant never says: "I am siels One Christmas day I witnessed something very thrilling. We had just distributed the family presents Christmas morning, when I heard a great ery of distress in the hallway. A child from a neighbor's house came in to say her father was dead. It was only three doors off, and I think in two minutes we were there. There lay the old Christian sea captain, his face upturned toward the the window, as though he had suddenly seen the headlands, and with an illuminated counterance, as though he were just going into harbor. The fact was he had already got through the "Narrows." In the adjoining room were the Christmas presents waiting for his distribution. Long ago, one night when he had narrowly escaped with his ship from being run down by a great ocean steamer, he had made his peace with God, and a kinder neighbor or a better man than Capt. Pendleton you would not find this side of Heaven. Without a moment's warning, the Pilot of the

He had often talked to me of the goodness of God, and especially of a time when he was about to enter New York harbor, with his ship from Liverpool, and he was suddenly impressed that he ought to put back to sea. Under the protest of the crew and under their very threat he put back to sea, fearing at the same time he was losing his mind, for it did seem so unreasonable that when they could get into harbor that night they should put back to sea. But they put back to sea, and Capt. Pendleton said to his mate: "You call me at ten o'clock at night." At 12 o'clock at night the captain was aroused and said: "What does this mean? I thought I told you to call me at ten o'clock, and here it is 12." "Why," and told me to keep right on the same course for two hours, and then to call "Is it possible? I have no remem-

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brance of that."

At 12 o'clock the captain went on showed him a shipwreck with 100 saved you to take any pay." Just like